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Sister Antonia Brenner, whose is known and respected for her ministry at the Tijuana jail, will speak at mass on Sunday, Nov. 11, at 7 p.m. in Founders Chapel at the University of San Diego.

Sister Brenner's presentation to the students of USD will set the theme for Hunger Awareness Week, Nov. 11-17. Students, as well as faculty and staff at USD, will be asked to participate in a day of fasting on Thursday, Nov. 15.

On that day, USD students will "sign over" the meals they do not consume in the University's dining center, and in turn, USD Dining Services will donate the money for those meals to hunger programs within the city of San Diego. Such benefactors will be the Catholic Workers Soup Kitchen, St. Vincent DePaul and Esperanza.

University students nationwide will be participating in the fast -- choosing the Thursday prior to Thanksgiving to serve as a contrast to what is considered to most as a holiday of plenty.

During the mass, USD Campus Ministry will present Sister Brenner with an electric organ for her ministerial use at the Tijuana jail. Sister Brenner, an American nun, has lived and worked in the jail for over 10 years.

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Members of the USD Sigma Chi Chapter and other student volunteers have spent time assisting Sister Brenner in her ministry in Tijuana. In addition, USD's student volunteers donate thousands of hours at soup kitchens, serving meals at St. Vincent DePaul Center, and assisting with housebuilding and clean-up projects in San Diego and Tijuana.

For more information about Sister Brenner's visit to USD and Hunger Awareness Week, please call Fr. Michael McKay at 260-4735, or the USD News Bureau at 260-4682.

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